

REMARKS

This application is a divisional of copending U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/912,176 filed on July 24, 2001 (hereinafter referred to as “the ‘176 application”). The ‘176 application is, in turn, a divisional of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/230,338 filed January 22, 1999 (hereinafter referred to as “the ‘388 application”) which has issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,291,644. The ‘388 application was originally filed with claims 1-10. With this preliminary amendment, claims 1-7 and 9-10 have been canceled as directed to non-elected subject matter and without prejudice to Applicants’ right to pursue these canceled claims in either this or other (*e.g.*, related) patent applications. Claim 8 has been amended, without prejudice or admission, and new claims 11-12 have been added. Therefore, claims 8 and 11-12 will be pending upon entry of this amendment.

The new and amended claims have been introduced in order to particularly recite the elected subject matter of this divisional application and to follow the allowed claim language in the ‘388 and ‘176 applications. The specification has also been amended. In particular, the title of this application has been changed to reflected its elected subject matter – namely “Reagents for Inducing Apoptosis.” The originally specification has also been amended to recite the required priority information. The amendment and new claims do not constitute new matter. Entry of the amendments and consideration of these remarks is therefore requested before examination of this application.

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